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Shanghai Municipal Council.

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No. 2
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January 2nd 1919

Sir,

The Tax Office in the City has notified all cash ~~cash~~ shops and banks that in future they will not be allowed to hang out signboards, unless they pay a fee. The Nantao Chamber of Commerce has sent a petition to the Central Government requesting the withdrawal of the new regualations.

The rice and bean shopkeepers in the City, having received notice that their taxes will be increased by 20 per cent, have petitioned the City Magistrate to wire to Pekigg and ask to have the new taxes withdrawn. The shopkeepers concerned have threatened to remove to the Settlement if their petition is ignored.

Eleven armed soldiers arrived in Shanghai from Nanking on 1st instant, and proceeded to the Arsenal by way of Chapei.

Three new year holidays have been granted to the soldiers at the Arsenal, but they are not permitted to leave barracks.

As a result of a fire which started at 3 a,m. 1st instant in the City, some seventy houses were burned to the ground. The French Brigade assisted in extinguishing the outbreak. The blaze which is reported to have been accidentally caused, started in a cigarette shop.

Entered on M.S. Jan 3.
Seen by C.L.P.

Your Obedient Servant,

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Chief Detective Inspector.

Captain Superintendent of Police.